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Karnataka Tourism

Karnataka, located in southern India, is a state known for its rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and technological prowess. Its capital, Bengaluru, is India's IT hub, often called the "Silicon Valley of India." The state boasts UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Hampi and Pattadakal, stunning palaces such as Mysore Palace, and serene hill stations like Coorg and Chikmagalur. Coastal Karnataka offers pristine beaches in Gokarna and Udupi, while its wildlife sanctuaries like Bandipur and Nagarhole attract nature lovers. Famous for its festivals, diverse cuisine, and historic temples, Karnataka offers a perfect blend of tradition and modernity



Tourism Highlights

Historical and Cultural Heritage: Hampi (UNESCO World Heritage Site): The ancient capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, known for its incredible ruins, temples, and boulder-strewn landscapes. Mysore: Famous for Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill, and the vibrant Dussehra Festival. Belur and Halebidu: Renowned for exquisite Hoysala architecture and intricately carved temples. Badami, Aihole, and Pattadakal (UNESCO Site): Home to stunning rock-cut temples and Chalukyan-era monuments.

Beaches and Coastal Beauty: Gokarna: Known for its serene beaches like Om Beach and Kudle Beach, as well as its spiritual ambiance. **Karwar:** A quiet coastal town with picturesque beaches and the Warship Museum. **Udupi:** Famed for Malpe Beach and the Krishna Temple. **Mangalore:** Offers clean beaches like Panambur and Tannirbhavi, along with delicious seafood.

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Hill Stations: Coorg (Kodagu): Known as the "Scotland of India," famous for coffee plantations, Abbey Falls, and trekking trails. **Chikmagalur:** A haven for coffee lovers and trekkers, with attractions like Mullayanagiri and Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. **Agumbe:** Known for its rainforest, sunsets, and being a biodiversity hotspot.

Wildlife and National Parks: Bandipur National Park: A part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, ideal for spotting tigers, elephants, and other wildlife. Nagarhole National Park: Known for its rich biodiversity and serene jungle safaris. Bannerghatta Biological Park: Close to Bangalore, offering a zoo, butterfly park, and safaris. Kudremukh National Park: A lush green haven for trekkers and nature enthusiasts.

Adventure Activities: Trekking: Popular trails include Mullayanagiri, Kodachadri, and Kumara Parvatha. River Rafting: Barapole in Coorg and Dandeli in the Western Ghats offer thrilling experiences. Scuba Diving and Snorkeling: Netrani Island (near Murudeshwar) is a prime spot for underwater adventures.

Temples and Pilgrimage Sites: Shravanabelagola: Known for the massive monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara (Bahubali). **Murudeshwar:** Famous for its towering Shiva statue by the Arabian Sea. **Dharmasthala:** A major pilgrimage center known for its temples and cultural harmony. **Jog Falls (Spiritual Retreats):** Often combined with a visit to spiritual spots.

Waterfalls: Jog Falls: One of India's tallest waterfalls, located on the Sharavathi River. Abbey Falls: A scenic spot in Coorg, surrounded by coffee plantations. Shivanasamudra Falls: Famous for its twin cascades and hydroelectric projects. Gokak Falls: A breathtaking waterfall with historical significance.

Unique Experiences: Kabini Backwaters: Enjoy boat rides and wildlife spotting in this tranquil area. **Hoysala Village:** A cultural retreat to experience Karnataka's rural traditions. **Sakleshpur:** Known for lush green landscapes, coffee estates, and historic forts.

Cuisine: Local Delights: Mysore Pak, Bisi Bele Bath, Mangalorean fish curry, Neer Dosa, and Ragi Mudde are must-try dishes. **Coffee:** Karnataka is India's largest coffee producer; Coorg and Chikmagalur offer aromatic brews.

Best Time to Visit:

- Winter (October to March): Ideal for most destinations, offering pleasant weather.
- Monsoon (June to September): Perfect for lush greenery and waterfalls but may limit some outdoor activities.
- Summer (April to June): Best for hill stations like Coorg and Chikmagalur.

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BANGALORE - CHICKMAGALUR- COORG

(2 NIGHTS 3 DAYS)

Tour Highlights: Hill Station

Day 1: Dept in the morning by 7am to Chickmagalur (245 Kms- 4 & Half ours), Upon arrival check in to the Hotel

Chikmagalur - Chikka+Magala+Ooru literally means 'Younger Daughters Town'. Nestled in the Baba Budan hills, Chikmagalur is a calm, serene town full of surprises with hills, valleys, streams and coffee plantations. Coffee seed was planted here for the first time in India. The plant took root and thus was born the Coffee Industry in India. The place later came to be known as Bababudangiri.



Chikmagalur is a trekker's delight due to its rugged mountain trails, numerous hills, valleys and fresh water streams. In the afternoon, Explore the rare wildlife sanctuary, ancient temples and forts or Take a stroll through the coffee plantations or catch a magnificent sunset. Experience the best of Western Ghats in Chikmagalur. For an enriching experience on the world of coffee, visit the Coffee Museum.

Evening at Leisure or plan to visit Mullayanagiri: Mullayanagiri is part of the Baba Budan Giri Hill Ranges here. It stands 1930 meters tall and is the tallest peak in Karnataka. Its height is famous mostly for watching sunsets from. It is 16 km from Chikmagalur town.

Baba Budan Giri (Datta Peeta)To the north of Chikmagalur town is the Baba Budan Giri Range or Chandra Drona Parvatha as it was known in the ancient times, which has one of the highest mountain peaks between the

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Himalayas and the Nilgiris. The peak takes its name from the Muslim saint, Baba Budan, who resided here more than 150 years ago. **Overnight at Hotel**

Day 2: Morning after Breakfast, proceed to Madikeri.(87 Kms 3 Hrs Approximate), Arrive & Check in to your Hotel.

In the Afternoon, go for half day sight seeing tour of Coorg. Explore this romantic hill station. Coorg is famous for its lush green forests, misty mountains and plantations (coffee, spices and orange). Popularly called as the "Scotland of the East", this place leaves a magical spell on everyone.





Must see sights in Madikeri – Madikeri Fort, Abbey Falls, Raja's Seat, Raja's Tomb and Omkareshwara Temple or just relax at the Hotel. **Overnight at the hotel.**

Day 3: After Morning Breakfast, check out hotel & proceed to Bangalore (250kms-5 Hrs)

End of the Tour

Best Time to Visit: All Year Round

Best Buys : Sandal wood, Pure Silk Saris, Handicrafts, Stone Carved Statutes, Nilgiris Tea Leaves Spices Pure Honey